

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to have their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of a violation of basic journalism standards and rules.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The FCC needs to investigate this violation and realize that this "documentary" is not news but a political advertisement from President Bush and, as such, violates fairness rules. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.